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Them's fightin' tweets!

#hollywoodhypocrisy?

Premier responds to Martin Sheen's plea to stop lobbying for the Keystone XL pipeline: 'I don't work for (him)'

MORGAN MODJESKI
Metro in Saskatoon

After actor Martin Sheen told Premier Brad Wall "Please don't do this" in regards to lobbying for the Keystone XL, the premier had some words for Sheen Thursday morning before an award event in Saskatoon.

"Martin Sheen was my favourite television president, but I'm glad he's not the actual president who'll make the decision on Keystone," said Wall.

Wall replied on Twitter to remarks made by Sheen after they were pointed out by a Saskatoon reporter, saying, "Anyone ask Martin Sheen how he feels about U.S. importing oil from countries that deny women basic rights?"

When asked about the tweet the premier replied, "Oh it's pretty consistent with things that we've been saying in respect to Keystone. I don't think it's fair to talk about Canadian oil without the context of other sources of oil."

When asked if he had anything to say to Sheen he replied, "No — come on, it's fun on Twitter."

On Wednesday, Sheen told reporters at We Day Saskatchewan that he feels the Keystone XL is something Canada will regret in the future.

"God forbid that it happens, but if it does, it's a catastrophe — don't go there, you don't need it."

He continued, "It's not something you're going to be proud of in the future — that I can promise you."

On March 5, Wall leaves on a trade mission to Washington, D.C., to lobby for the Keystone XL and speak with American politicians and lawmakers about green initiatives happening in Saskatchewan.

Twitter

A Twitter conversation between Saskatoon-based freelance writer Tammy Robert and Premier Brad Wall about comments made by Martin Sheen:

@tammyrobert:
I just asked Martin Sheen if he had a message for @PremierBradWall lobbying Obama re: Keystone XL. "Leave Obama alone!" #skpoli

@PremierBradWall:
"@tammyrobert: I asked Martin Sheen if he had a message for Wall lobbying Obama re: KXL "Leave Obama alone!" I don't work for Martin Sheen

@tammyrobert:
@PremierBradWall but he said "please"? (Ps I flipped a coin between asking about Keystone or Charlie)

@PremierBradWall:
@tammyrobert Anyone ask Martin Sheen how he feels about US importing oil from countries that deny women basic rights? #hollywoodhypocrisy

@tammyrobert:
@PremierBradWall he was whisked away immediately. ;) I practically had to tackle him to get that one in! #goPremierWall #skpoli

Premier Brad Wall speaks at an award announcement on Thursday morning in Saskatoon. Before the announcement, Wall addressed comments made by Martin Sheen, inset, when the actor spoke to media at We Day Saskatchewan on Wednesday, in which he cautioned the premier to stop lobbying for the Keystone XL pipeline.

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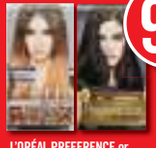

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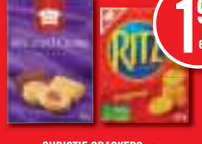

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The Living Skies Student Film Festival is displaying the creativity of young filmmakers 15 minutes at a time.

Each year students at the University of Regina put on the festival, which runs until Saturday.

"This is our 26th year of having the festival running. It is actually the longest-running, totally student-run film festival in, I think, North America," said Adrienne Adams, one of the co-ordinators of the festival.

The festival kicked off on Thursday with the premiere of 13 Eerie, a horror movie filmed in Moose Jaw by Saskatchewan director Lowell Dean, at the Shu Box Theatre on the University of Regina campus.

The main festival starts on Friday. Student films from across Saskatchewan and around the world — capped at 15-minute running times — will be screened for free in front of an audience and judges.

"We accept all types of student films but we have four different categories," said Adams. "There is animation, documentary, experimental and fiction, so it is a pretty wide range of films that we get.

"We have a few submissions from larger festivals like TIFF and Youngcuts, there is a submission from Kosovo, so it is pretty interesting in that respect. It isn't just local content."

Also included in the event are workshops to learn more about the film industry. Then, on Saturday, there is an awards gala at the Owl that is open to the public. Tickets to the gala are $10 in advance or $12 at the door.

University of Regina students Chris Miller and Amy Mantyka pose with Mantyka's two awards from last year's Living Skies Student Film Festival. CONTRIBUTED/LIVING SKIES STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

MADD gives students a 'reality check'

A scene from the MADD production Long Weekend, a film shown to high school students as part of an impaired-driving awareness program. CONTRIBUTED/MADD CANADA

When explaining to teenagers why they shouldn't drink and drive, you have to show the real distress caused by impaired crashes, MADD Canada president Denise Dubyk says.

"There is no niceness about this. This is violence we are talking about.... That is what happens and we don't want anyone else to have to suffer through that," said Dubyk in regards to a new school assembly program.

As part of a MADD, SGI and SGLA partnership, Dubyk visited Archbishop M.C. O'Neill High School on Thursday where students were shown a graphic movie about impaired driving and heard stories about real-life experiences.

Dubyk has had to endure the loss of her son-in-law, while fellow presenter MLA Darryl Hickie has witnessed scenes of many crashes as a forensic identification officer with the Prince Albert police.

"It's this right-in-your-face reality check that this is what can happen when you make a poor choice," said Hickie, who is now the legislative secretary for the minister responsible for SGI.

According to SGI, impaired collisions involving youth are on the rise and though young drivers comprise less than 10 per cent of licensed drivers on the road, they are involved in almost 20 per cent of all alcohol-related collision deaths.

Dubyk says the shock of hearing real stories is a powerful way to convince youth to plan an alternative way home.

"There are tears, there are hugs afterwards and there is always someone who has a story to share about how they have been impacted by impaired driving," said Dubyk.

ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Benedict XVI promises obedience to new pope

Young priests in Rome wave to the helicopter taking Pope Benedict XVI from the Vatican to Castel Gandolfo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ANGELO CARCONI

Emeritus. Ex-pontiff leaves the Vatican, saying he's beginning the final stage of his life as 'simply a pilgrim'

Benedict XVI became the first pope in 600 years to resign Thursday, ending an eight-year pontificate shaped by struggles to move the church past sex-abuse scandals and to reawaken Christianity in an indifferent world.

As bells tolled, the Swiss Guard standing at attention in the papal retreat of Castel Gandolfo shut the doors of the palazzo shortly after 8 p.m. local time on Thursday, symbolically closing out a papacy whose legacy will be most marked by the way it ended — a resignation.

In a changing of the guard, the Swiss Guards in their yellow-and-blue striped uniforms handed over responsibility of protecting the 85-year-old Benedict to Vatican police as some of the faithful outside shouted "Viva il papa!"

The pope's journey into retirement began with an emotional sendoff from the Vatican, Swiss Guards in full regalia and prelates kneeling to kiss Benedict's ring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Viva il papa!': Crowd

Benedict waves goodbye. AP

On Thursday Benedict told his cardinals, "Among you is ... the future pope, whom I today promise my unconditional reverence and obedience."

- "May the College of Cardinals work like an orchestra ... toward a higher and harmonious agreement," he said.

'Sweet Sistine'. Could a cardinal from Africa be the next pope?

Now that Pope Benedict XVI has officially stepped down, speculation about who will be the next to wear the shoes of the fisherman is ramping up.

A number of front-runners have emerged, including Canada's own Cardinal Marc Ouellet, as well as Italy's Angelo Scola. However, based on Google searches in the past 30 days, people on the Internet seem to be showing interest in a candidate from the developing world.

Searches for Ghana's Cardinal Peter Turkson spiked following Benedict's resignation, and he is still enjoying a small lead over the competition.

Ouellet is sitting in third, only slightly behind Scola.

Search volume for the "Sweet Sistine" is highest in Poland, home to Pope John Paul II.

Italy and Mexico round out the top three.

The cardinals will convene a conclave in the coming weeks and it's expected the world's 1.2 billion Catholics will have a new pope by Easter. LUKE SIMCOE/METRO ONLINE

Cardinal Angelo Scola of Italy GETTY IMAGES

Cardinal Peter Turkson of Ghana, Africa GETTY IMAGES

Cardinal Marc Ouellet of Quebec GETTY IMAGES

Syrians make use of ancient remains for protection from war

Like countless other Syrians fleeing their country's civil war, Sami was eager to escape the bombs and artillery shells falling on his village. But instead of taking his family to another country, he simply brought them underground.

For the past seven months, the family has lived in a chamber cut into the rock of the Jebel al-Zawiya hills, its walls etched with arabesques and alcoves.

Sami, a 32-year-old stonecutter, believes that his new home is a Roman shrine. Its design in fact suggests it may be a tomb.

Across northern Syria, rebels, soldiers and civilians are making use of the country's wealth of ancient and medieval remains for protection. The structures are built of thick stone that has already withstood the ravages of centuries. They are often located in strategic spots overlooking towns and roads.

Sami, who like many Syrians was reluctant to give his full name for security reasons, says cave life is hard. The worst part isn't the lack of electricity or running water. It's the smoke from the indoor fires.

"We go daily to the doctor for our children," he said. His youngest, a 2-month-old girl named Abir, has been badly afflicted with respiratory problems.

But he considers the discomfort and health risks of the cave preferable to the terror of life above ground, with forces loyal to President Bashar Assad controlling the skies. "At any moment they can strike," he said. "I have no other option until the regime falls."

Combatants on both sides in the civil war frequently use medieval fortifications, often the legacy of the centuries-long contest between Christian and Muslim empires for the control of this region.

In the town of Harem on the Turkish border, rebels fought a bloody battle in December to oust the regime from a hilltop fortress previously used by Byzantines, the allies of Saladin, and the Crusaders. Video shows fighters painstakingly making their way in single file up the side of the cliff to capture the citadel.

In the town of Maaret al-Numan in the plain below the Jebel al-Zawiya, rebels have set up their headquarters in a 17th-century caravansary, now a museum. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sobhi al-Hamod, 60, lives with his family at an underground cave used for shelter from Syrian government forces shelling and airstrikes, at Jirjanaz village, in Idlib province, Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ HUSSEIN MALLA

Policy shift

U.S. aid to be provided to rebels

In a significant policy shift, the Obama administration said Thursday it would for the first time provide non-lethal aid directly to rebels who are battling to oust Syrian President Bashar Assad, announcing an additional $60 million in assistance to Syria's political opposition.

The modest package of aid to the military wing of the opposition will consist of an as yet undetermined amount of food rations and medical supplies for members of the Free Syrian Army who will be carefully screened to ensure they do not have links to extremists. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reversal

Milosevic ally acquitted on appeal

In a stunning reversal, UN appeals judges on Thursday acquitted the former chief of the Yugoslav National Army of aiding and abetting atrocities by rebel Serbs, including the Srebrenica massacre, by providing them with military aid during the Balkan wars. Gen. Momcilo Perisic, a former close ally of ex-Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, had been sentenced to 27 years in 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Yemen

Kidnapped researcher free

A Swiss researcher kidnapped almost a year ago in Yemen was released in good health and flown to Qatar, whose government helped negotiate her release, authorities said Thursday.

The woman, identified by Swiss authorities in Qatar as Sylvia Abrahat, 35, made no comment to reporters as she arrived late Wednesday at the VIP section of Doha International Airport. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan

Roadside bomb kills border cops

A roadside bomb killed nine people, mostly border policemen Thursday in Afghanistan where militants continue to target government security forces taking over from withdrawing international troops. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but the Taliban and other insurgents have stepped up attacks against Afghan policemen and soldiers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fort Hood shooting

300 witnesses to be called at psychiatrist's trial

The Army psychiatrist charged in the deadly 2009 Fort Hood shooting rampage is to go on trial in three months, after several delays in the case, including an unexpected snag over his beard.

A military judge Thursday set Maj. Nidal Hasan's court-martial for May 29 at the Texas Army post. After about four weeks of jury selection, testimony is to begin July 1. Testimony may last three months. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Apology. Former Harper spin doctor backtracks on child pornography stance

Tom Flanagan
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Former Stephen Harper strategist Tom Flanagan is reportedly apologizing to anyone offended by his suggestion that people who view child pornography should not be jailed.

In a statement attributed to Flanagan and posted on the CBC website, the frequent panellist on the network said he absolutely condemns child sex abuse and he chose his words poorly while discussing the matter in Lethbridge, Alta., on Wednesday evening.

"In an academic setting, I raised a theoretical question about how far criminalization should extend toward the consumption of pornography," reads the statement posted on the blog of Kady O'Malley, also often a panellist on the News Network show Power and Politics.

"My words were badly chosen, and in the resulting uproar I was not able to express my abhorrence of child pornography and the sexual abuse of children. I apologize unreservedly to all who were offended by my statement, and most especially to victims of sexual abuse and their families."

Flanagan, who is a professor at the University of Calgary, was giving a lecture on the Indian Act at the University of Lethbridge, hosted by the Southern Alberta Council on Public Affairs.

In a statement, CBC editor-in-chief Jennifer McGuire said the broadcaster is ending its association with Flanagan. The University of Calgary distanced itself from him.

Flanagan's connections to Harper go back to Reform party days and he twice served as Harper's leadership campaign director and also ran the 2004 federal Conservative election campaign. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Obama to push Supreme Court on same-sex ruling

Report. U.S. President hopes non-binding brief will help overturn 'discriminatory' laws.

Protesters hold signs at a same-sex marriage demonstration Oct. 15, 2007, in San Francisco. Thursday, sources said the Obama administration is poised to push the Supreme Court to rule against states that ban same-sex marriage. JUSTIN SULLIVN/GETTY IMAGES

The Obama administration will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn the state of California's ban on gay marriage and take a skeptical view of similar bans elsewhere, according to a person familiar with the government's legal filing in the California case.

While the administration's friend-of-the-court brief in the California case does not call for marriage equality across the United States, it does point the court in that direction.

A Supreme Court ruling in line with the administration's argument could have broad implications and almost certainly expand the rights of same-sex couples to wed.

The administration's non-binding brief contends that denying gays and lesbians the right to marry violates the U.S. Constitution's Equal Protection Clause. The document urges the justices to give extra rigorous review to any law that discriminates on the basis of sexual orientation.

The person familiar with the brief spoke on anonymity in order to discuss the document before it was filed. The brief marks President Barack Obama's most expansive view of the legal rights of gays and lesbians to marry. He announced his personal support for gay marriage last year and has said marriage should be governed by states.

Obama, raised expectations that he would back a broad brief during his inauguration address on Jan. 21. He said the nation's journey "is not complete until our gay brothers and sisters are treated like anyone else under the law."

The Proposition 8 ballot initiative was approved by California voters in 2008 in response to a state Supreme Court decision that had allowed gay marriage. Twenty-nine other states have constitutional amendments banning gay marriage; nine states and the Washington federal district recognize same-sex marriage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Africa. Watchdog group to probe death of man dragged by police van

A still shot of South African police dragging Mido Macia behind a van on Tuesday. Macia was later found dead in his cell.
THE DAILY SUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They bound his hands to the rear of a van, and then sped off, dragging the slender taxi driver along the pavement as a crowd of onlookers shouted in dismay. The man was later found dead.

A video of the scene is all the more disturbing because the men who abused the Mozambican immigrant were uniformed South African police officers and the van was a marked police vehicle.

The graphic scenes of the victim struggling for his life shocked a nation accustomed to reports of police violence.

"The visuals of the incident are horrific, disturbing and unacceptable. No human being should be treated in that manner," said South African President Jacob Zuma.

The Daily Sun, a South African newspaper, posted the video footage Thursday sparking immediate outrage.

Some of those in the crowd who watched the scene unfold in the Daveyton township east of Johannesburg shouted at the police and warned that it was being videotaped.

The police did not seem at all concerned by all the witnesses and the presence of cameras as they tied Mido Macia, a 27-year-old from neighbouring Mozambique, to the back of a police vehicle, his hands behind his head. At least three policemen participated in the incident. Macia was found dead in a Daveyton police cell late Tuesday.

A murder probe is underway on the evidence that Macia suffered head and upper abdomen injuries, including internal bleeding, the Independent Police Investigative Directorate, the police watchdog agency, said Thursday.

The injuries could be from the dragging and he could also have been beaten later in police custody. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fired up about independence from Japan

South Koreans wearing traditional Korean costumes carry torches and national flags as they march on the street during a ceremony to celebrate the March First Independence Movement Day, the anniversary of the 1919 uprising against Japanese colonial rule, in Cheonan, south of Seoul, Thursday.
LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York

Ghastly turn in cannibalism case

The cannibalism case against a police officer took another macabre turn on Thursday when an FBI agent testified that a New York Police Department supervisor was among the women the officer considered a potential target for kidnapping and torture.

The testimony came amid a report that a man considered a co-conspirator of Officer Gilberto Valle had been detained on separate charges in Great Britain. FBI agent Corey Walsh told jurors that a search of Valle's computer had turned up a file with photos of a woman the agent identified as an NYPD officer who supervised Valle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.

Rio de Janeiro

U.S. gov. worker found dead in hotel

A vacationing employee of the U.S. Department of State was found strangled in a Rio de Janeiro hotel, police said Thursday.

Rivaldo Barbosa, head of the Rio police homicide division, identified the victim as 38-year-old Victoria Tcaciuc and said she was killed Feb. 20. A hotel employee found her body the same day.

Police have arrested a suspect who is seen in security camera video entering the hotel in Rio's Copacabana neighbourhood, Barbosa said. Investigators said it is unclear when Tcaciuc arrived in Brazil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A tale of two job prospects

New grads.
Good timing versus the ticking clock: Two grads tell of their success and challenges in a hostile job market

JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Chris Meelker, 26, says luck was on his side. CONTRIBUTED

For Chris Meelker, finding work after graduating from Confederation College's Aerospace Manufacturing Engineering Technology program in 2011 was relatively easy.

After all, he had a job waiting for him at Bombardier — the largest aerospace company in Canada — before he took off his mortarboard.

The 26-year-old methods analyst said there were a few factors that led him to where he is today.

For one, he dropped out of Carleton University's engineering program in Ottawa.

"It was not what I thought it was going to be, and I could see that with the number of people there, the competition was going to be fierce," he told Metro in a phone interview from Montreal, where he works.

The program was a little too theoretical, he said, so he applied to Confederation College in Thunder Bay. In his last year, a member of Bombardier interviewed his graduating class for positions at the company.

He, along with four other graduates, passed and started work after just one month.

Not bad for someone who, at the time, was 24 and fresh out of college. He admits, though, that luck was on his side.

"I think it was really a case of timing," said Meelker. "Bombardier was working on a new program that they were hiring for, and we were graduating at the right time."

With no student debt — he worked during school and the summers — he is now saving his money to buy a new house.

When asked why some youth are struggling to find work these days, he, like most, couldn't give a clear answer.

However, he said it may be related to simple numbers.

"When you have a … class of 400 to 500 people at every major school in Canada, and you think that every year they're pumping out thousands of engineering grads — how can there be demand for that sort of thing?" he said.

One of the lost

"I want to start a family … Going back to school is counterproductive to that aim."

Aldin Basic, educated but unemployed

Aldin Basic, 26, has two degrees and no job. CONTRIBUTED

You can count Aldin Basic as one of the lost — the host of Canadian 20-somethings with a university degree that struggle to find work in their field.

In fact, Basic has two degrees — one in biochemistry and one in psychology from the University of Ottawa. He got the latter in October 2012.

But for the past four months, the 26-year-old hasn't been able to get his foot in the door. He wants to get into pharmaceutical or biomedical sales.

"Something where I can use both my theoretical knowledge and technical skills from science with communication skills that I've obtained from psychology and business," said Basic in an interview with Metro in Ottawa.

After fruitlessly sending out more than 200 job applications to various places since last May, he decided a couple of months ago to try a different approach — investing considerable time in researching positions and developing contacts within a desired company before applying.

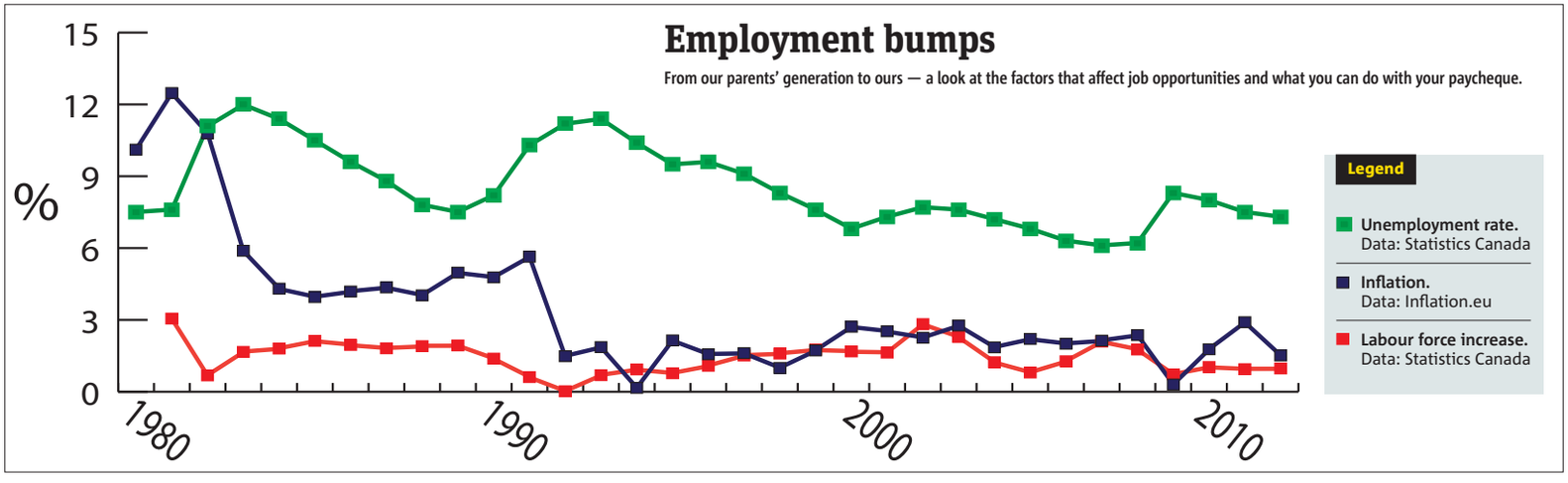
"I heard a statistic that says only 20 per cent of jobs are actually advertised on job search engines," said Basic. "So in order to increase your hit rate, you have to somehow become part of that inner circle. And when you're a recent graduate that has no real experience within the field you're trying to get into, getting into that inner circle is very difficult."

Part of the problem, he said, is that baby boomers are staying at their jobs longer while more grads are coming out of university looking for work.

He said other stalled graduates he knows have either gone to graduate school or have gone to study other degrees. But for him, those are no longer options.

The clock is ticking. He gave himself a March 7 deadline — his 27th birthday — to find work. After that, he said he will broaden his job search outside of Ottawa.

"I want to start a family. I want to start helping my parents out at home. I want to start living a life right now," he said. "Going back to school is counterproductive to that aim."



This ain't our parents' economy

ALEX BOUTILIER
Metro in Ottawa

When my parents were 26 and freshly out of university, they were expecting their first child and building their own house on land they owned.

Many in my generation are having a slightly … different experience as we transition into our post-undergraduate life. And we're more likely to have a harder time getting started on the next chapter.

True, unemployment among younger workers is much lower than it was after the recessions of the 1980s and 1990s. A recent study from the Certified General Accountants Association of Canada found that unemployment among younger workers between the ages of 25 and 29 was 7.8 per cent in 2011 — paling in comparison to the early '80s (12.9 per cent) and '90s (13 per cent).

At the same time, however, the barriers facing young people in getting a post-secondary education are increasing. In Ontario, tuition increased 200 per cent between 1991 and 2007, according to the Communities Foundation of Canada. Ditto for Nova Scotia — where my parents built that house — and Alberta.

Out of the loop

80%

Most businesses want to hire grads at the beginning of the final year of post-secondary education. They recruit right out of school but 80 per cent of students don't know this, TalentEgg says.

But a bachelor's degree, we were often told, was the new high school diploma, so off we went. And then, as my colleagues of the class of 2009 emerged bleary-eyed from the Groves of Academe, we found ourselves in the height of the recession. The economics majors explained to the rest of us why that was bad.

Struggling to pay off student debt in a tough job market certainly makes it more difficult to pursue those adult goals, such as owning a home or not eating rice every meal.

But don't despair, soon-to-be-recent graduates. There are still many paths — they may just be a little more winding.

"What is key is for students to get into the job market while they are in university," explains David Lewis Rodas-Wright, the University of Ottawa's employer-relations co-ordinator.

Rodas-White points to volunteerism, employer co-ops and internships — which my friends in journalism know all too well — to build up skills prior to graduation.

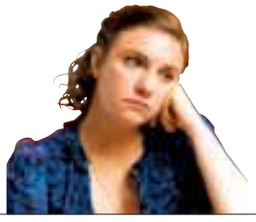
There is no doubt that there's a wall waiting at the end of graduation. But it's not necessarily taller than those previous generations faced. It's just different — like the ways over it.

Does TV lie to you? Experts put six celeb job paths to the test

Who: Betty Suarez
Path: Co-op
Perception: This is a back-stage pass into the labour force

"Nowadays a co-op is the best way to make connections and develop enough experience to get a job right out of school."

Lauren Friese
Founder, TalentEgg, an online job search tool for students and new grads



Who: Hannah of Girls
Path: Internship
Perception: You will be exploited for free labour

"There isn't necessarily a job at the end of the tunnel but it can be a positive thing."

Lauren Friese
Founder, TalentEgg, an online job search tool for students and new grads

Who: Don Draper of Mad Men
Path: Straight job
Perception: There are no jobs

"Generation Y doesn't want to work their way up. They think they deserve meaningful jobs."

Lauren Friese
Founder, TalentEgg, an online job search tool for students and new grads

Who: Gordon Ramsey of Hell's Kitchen
Path: Entrepreneur
Perception: Most businesses fail in the first three years

"I see it as taking on a mortgage versus renting. Taking on a mortgage is a lot more risk but at the end of the day, it's yours."

Megan Summers
Founder, DinnerPlate, a catering logistics company

Who: Mike Holmes of Holmes on Homes
Path: Entrepreneur
Perception: It's dirty work

"We're looking at shortages of trades people because over the last couple of decades we've told students to go and get tech jobs."

Ingrid Argyle
Project manager
Ottawa Integrated Local Labour Market

Who: Sheldon from the Big Bang Theory
Path: Forever student
Perception: You will be over-educated and underemployed

"In university life, the job is to study and perform. The problem is they don't have a chance to get out and connect with people in the labour market."

David Lewis Rodas-Wright
Spokesperson, employer relations at
University of Ottawa

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Youth on the chopping block

STEVE COLLINS
For Metro in Ottawa

If you're young and out of work, you may feel the deck's stacked against you — and some of the numbers agree.

"(Youth unemployment) tends to hover at about twice the national rate," said BMO senior economist Sal Guatieri, who notes it peaked at 16.4 per cent during the recent economic downturn. For those 25 and over, it peaked at 7.3 per cent.

Worse, according to a study by the Community Foundations of Canada, youth aged 15 to 24, who make up 16 per cent of the work force, accounted for 50 per cent of the recession's job losses.

"It's last in, first out for those with the least experience or seniority," Guatieri said.

The good news, he offered, is that while youth employment took the biggest hit when the job market tightened, it's also on a faster rebound.

"The youth unemployment rate has fallen twice as fast as the adult unemployment rate since peaking," he said. "It's just that it, of course, peaked at a much higher level."

He advises young people to "be patient and get as much education and training for the type of jobs that are in demand today: the high-tech positions, the professional services, those kind of jobs." Then wait for the economic picture to improve.

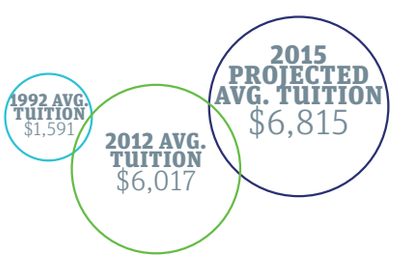
Job cuts

"It's last in, first out for those with the least experience or seniority."
Sal Guatieri, BMO senior economist

"We really are dependant on the American consumer to pick up their socks and spend a little faster before Canadian exports recover and our economy strengthens," he said.

"We see that scenario unfolding later this year and into next year, so it may just be a matter of time before the youth unemployment rate falls more significantly."

Saskatchewan



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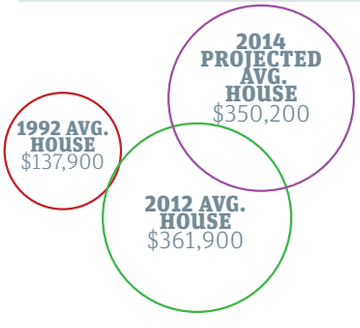

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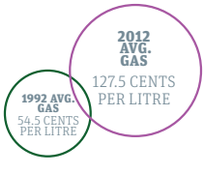

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As students embark on post-secondary education, they are met with increasingly high levels of tuition. That, coupled with the increasing cost of living, and a daunting job market, can make expectations that much more unmanageable. METRO

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Head online to metronews.ca for interviews with experts who tackle the pressing questions:

Talent recruiter Stefan Danis helps youth cut through today's tough job market

- Is it really harder for today's grads to get jobs?
- How long is a good resumé?
- What's the biggest job seeking mistake?

Youth job market's 10-year outlook is a storm for students, says expert

- How is the "go to school, get a degree, get a good job" career path working today?
- Is it time to redefine how we measure success?
- If we can't find jobs, should we become entrepreneurs?

Young entrepreneurs encourage those struggling to set up small businesses

- Is it best to get startup funding from the Canadian government?
- What role does starting capital play in beginning a business?
- What advice would you give an aspiring business major?

Lost your wallet? Get your phone out

Make like a pigeon. 'Stickers' let you home in on lost items via Bluetooth device

Jimmy Buchheim is behaving oddly.

On the floor of the world's largest cellphone trade show in Barcelona, Spain, he's looking at the screen of his iPod Touch, taking a few steps, and then looking again. Now and then he backtracks or turns, and looks again. Slowly, he confines his movements to a smaller and smaller area. Then he drops to his knees, and checks the screen again.

"There we are!" he says.

Buchheim has found his keys, which had been hidden behind a wastebasket by a skeptical reporter. On the key ring is a small disc, slightly bigger than a quarter. That's what Buchheim was homing in on, with his iPod.

Buchheim's Davie, Fla.-based company, Stick-N-Find Technologies, wants to give people a way to find things, whether it's keys, wallets, TV remotes or cat collars.

Stick-N-Find THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's no real trick to sending out a radio signal and having a phone pick it up. That's been done before. What makes the Stick-N-Find practical is a new radio technology known as Bluetooth Low Energy, which drastically reduces the battery power needed to send out a signal. That means the disc can be small, light enough for its sticky back to adhere to a lot of surfaces and be powered by a battery that lasts up to two years without recharging. The signal can be picked up as far as 300 feet away, under ideal circumstances. At the wireless show though, the range was about 20 feet.

One downside: It's not cheap. Stick-N-Find charges $50 for two "stickers" from its first production run.

Another downside is that few devices can pick up the signals. Bluetooth Low Energy is expected to become a standard feature in phones, but it's not yet. Also, it won't tell you exactly where your sticker is located, only how far away it is.

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Heel!

Users can set up a virtual "leash" between a sticker and a Bluetooth device. When the two move a certain distance away from each other, the sticker can start beeping, or the device's screen can show an alert. That way, you could use a sticker in your wallet, linked to your phone, to let you know if you're leaving either one behind.

Walking Dead no more?

This image shows a scene from the AMC hit The Walking Dead. Negotiations over a distribution deal between U.S.-based AMC and media giant Rogers Communications are heating up. Some Rogers customers reported Wednesday that online banner advertisements informed them that they "lost" or will lose The Walking Dead on their lineup. The confusing ads — AMC was still being carried by Rogers — seem to be displayed to customers with Rogers IP addresses. A spokeswoman said Rogers has no plans to pull the channel. Earlier this week, AMC warned some Canadians that they were at risk of losing popular shows if an agreement is not reached by Thursday at 11:59 p.m. RUSSELL KAYE/AMC/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

February optimism

Small-business confidence up

Small businesses appear to be feeling more optimistic, according to the latest survey by the Canadian Federation of Independent Business. The CFIB says its index rose a half a point to 66.2 on a scale of zero to 100. More than 50 means owners who expect their operations to be stronger in the next year outnumber those expecting a weaker performance. Alberta business owners remain the most optimistic. Ontario is slightly below the national average. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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TSX 12,821.83 (+89.44)

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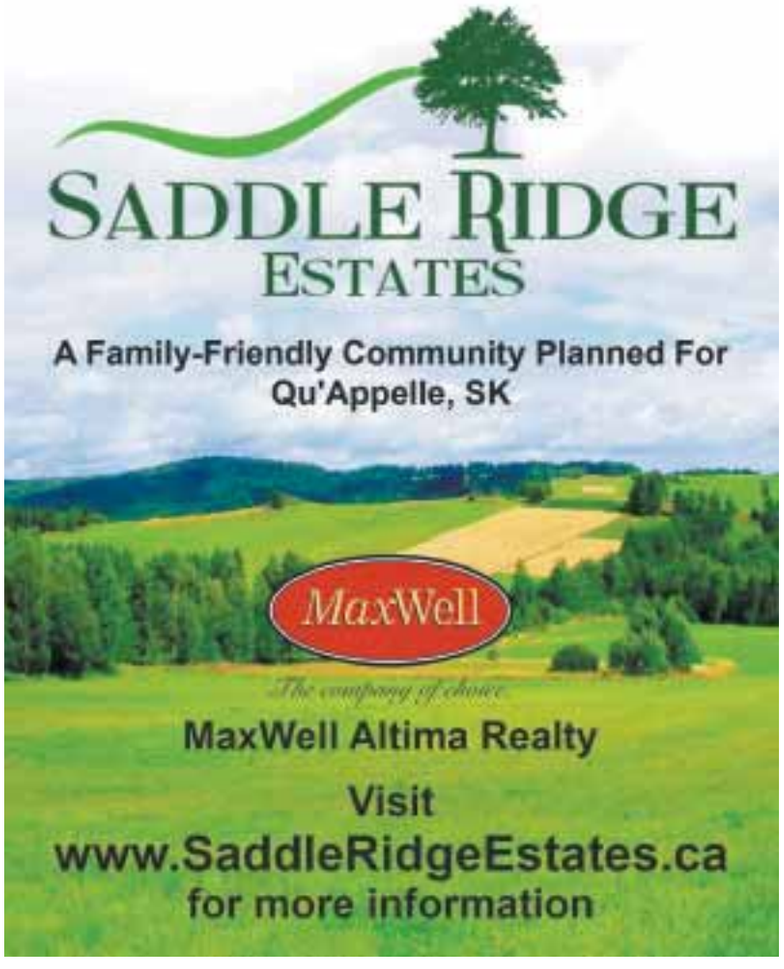

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TAYLOR SWIFT, GOAT GOT YOUR TONGUE?

THE LIST
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Another wacky week for the world …

1 **Oscar Badness.** The week opened way off Broadway with the Seth MacFarlane-hosted Oscars. The creator of Family Guy managed to offend everyone's sensibilities with jokes and skits about Jews, gays, boobs, African-Americans and Abraham Lincoln's assassination. But the ratings were up! What a relief!

2 **How Many Supreme Court Judges …** Speaking of hate, did anyone understand the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling about some guy in Saskatchewan who says vicious things about gay people (no joke)? According to the venerable judges, it's free speech to go ahead and offend other people, but it's illegal if, in the process, it exposes those people to hatred. By that test, is it OK for Shakespeare to declare "Kill all the lawyers," unless someone actually does?

3 **Pope No More.** Meanwhile, the Pope has left the building. The Vatican, that is. For the first time in 600 years, the Pope resigned. Not much has changed however. Pope Emeritus Benedict will still be called His Holiness, still gets to wear a white cassock and still thinks gay marriage is a carefree union between a man and a woman.

4 **In Other Goofy Italian News.** Silvio Berlusconi, the exact opposite of the Pope, made a surprising comeback and finished a close second in the Italian election. The stock market wasn't the only institution that reacted badly to the news that the bunga-bunga party guy is back. The Pope didn't resign. He quit in disgust.

5 **Beam Us Up, Scotty.** Former space tourist and multi-millionaire Dennis Tito is teaming up with SpaceX to send a middle-aged married couple to Mars as early as 2018, an entirely privately funded expedition. To Mars, but not on Mars, as the closest they get will be 100 miles. They'll orbit the Red Planet, then turn around and come home. Imagine a 501-day road trip in a Mini with your spouse and you can only begin to comprehend what a perilous mission this is.

6 **Who Knew?** It's not Atlantis, it's Mauritia. Not a sneeze but a lost continent that sank off the coast of Madagascar. Mauritia wasn't really much as continents go, only about a quarter the size of Madagascar, but when you lose something that big, why does it take 85 million years to notice? So Atlantis could be down there somewhere. We just have to wait for James Cameron to find it.

7 **Taylor Swift, Got Yer Goat.** Gotta love the Internet. A magnificent tool for sharing knowledge and YouTube videos of Goats Yelling Like Humans, including a mix of Taylor Swift singing and goats yelling. The challenge is to tell them apart. I'm not making this up: youtu.be/LEdqn-Gtg-s

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Jokes and skits about Jews, gays, boobs, African-Americans and Abraham Lincoln's assassination equal ratings. Who knew? KEVIN WINTER/GETTY IMAGES

Polar's molar checkup

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Animal procedure

Polar bear gets root-canal routine

For his routine dentist checkup, this fearsome predatory animal needed a general anesthetic — for his comfort and the safety of others. Boris, one of three resident polar bears at the Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium in Tacoma, Wash., underwent a root-canal exam last weekend to repair an infected canine tooth. METRO WORLD NEWS

Boris the polar bear

- **Length.** About nine feet.
- **Weight.** 922 pounds.
- **Born.** Dec. 15, 1985, at the Rostock Zoo in Germany.
- **Arrival at current zoo.** November 2002 after being rescued from a circus in Puerto Rico.
- **Life expectancy.** As long as 40 years (captivity), 30 (in the wild).

Sequence of events

12 staff members help bear weight

A veterinarian went to the zoo's Arctic Tundra exhibit last Saturday and shot Boris with a tranquilizer. The bear was then given a sedative before a dozen able-bodied staff members hoisted the massive animal onto a stretcher. Afterwards, the animal was put on a padded operating table and placed on a ventilator to allow medical staff to examine him. METRO WORLD NEWS

Procedure in numbers

4.5

hours is how long Boris's procedure took.

Apart from his root-canal treatment, Boris had a lump removed from his eye to improve his vision, and got his claws trimmed.

Boris was on his paws walking about two hours after the medical work, eating soft foods and receiving painkillers.

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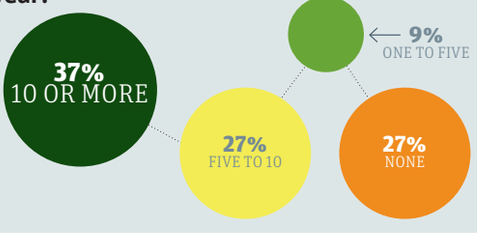
How many books will you likely read this year?



Twitter

@fbiagent4hire:
If anyone needs me I'll be on ring-road south doing some pothole chinups. #yqr #Fitness #beachbody.

@jewhittingham:
What a beautiful old city Rome is. I wonder what it would look like if #yqr administrators where in charge over the years? #skpoli

@thecharmlady
I wish I had a record player so I could listen to Joni Mitchell albums all day.

@HillmanAV:
After the meetings with various #Regina #business owners, I am inspired and excited about the future of our great city. #bigthings #yqr

@JaimeWGarcia:
Going to DC to highlight how #Sask leads Canada in GHG/capita, seems self defeating or at worst, a terrible way to justify a junket #skpoli

@PrairieChicPics:
Love watching the snowflakes lazily falling from the sky in #sask

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Nicholas Hoult stars in Jack the Giant Slayer. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Fee, fi, fo, humdrum?

Jack the Giant Slayer. This retelling of a classic fairy tale gets mixed reviews

Richard: Mark, this is what used to be called a "ripping good yarn." It's got all the ingredients of classic fairy tales — a pretty princess, heroics galore, a dash of romance and loads of giant slaying! It's a change from the usual Hollywood fairy tale retellings in that it remains fairly true to the source — there's no Snow White and the Huntsman style ennui here — but what starts out as a family friendly romp turns much darker near the end and won't be appropriate for younger Jack and the Beanstalk fans.

Mark: I agree with "ripping," I'm fine with "yarn." It's "good" I have trouble with. I thought it was made for people who enjoyed Clash of the Titans but found it a wee bit too cerebral. Here's my plot synopsis: A giant beanstalk opens up a portal between Earth and the skies above, and one hour and 46 minutes of the audience's time is lost forever ... I may never eat edamame again.

RC: But edamame is delicious! And so are parts of this movie. A small family could live underneath Nicholas Hoult's cheekbones and the giants are really cool. It's a large-scale CGI epic like Clash of the Titans, but I thought this one was far more successful in creating a world for the characters to live in. It's a simple story of good versus evil, and in a battle between Clash's Kraken and this movie's giants, I'd bet on the giants.

MB: The giants give good grunt, I'll give you that, but there's not a lot of good dialogue in this picture and the acting is rote. Let's face it, the beanstalk has the best part.

RC: The beanstalk certainly takes top billing, but I thought it was fun to see Ewen Bremner — Spud from Trainspotting — in a juicy villain role, backing up an evil Stanley Tucci, who seems to be having fun here. I saw it as a large-scale English pantomime without the songs. There's slapstick, elaborate costumes and you're supposed to boo at the bad guys and cheer for the heroes. It won't become a staple in my DVD collection, but I enjoyed watching the giant chef prepare pigs-in-a-blanket with live pigs!

MB: Richard, that's the one witty note in the picture, and it made me laugh too. So much more could have been made of the giants' surreal world, but the film is surprisingly ... earthbound.

Synopsis

The action in this epic retelling of Jack and the Beanstalk begins when the king's advisor Roderick (Stanley Tucci) hatches a plot to steal an enchanted crown and six magic beans that hold the key to opening a gateway between Earth and Gantua, the land of the giants. Enter poor farmer Jack (Nicholas Hoult) who becomes involved when he unwittingly sows a seed that sprouts a giant beanstalk, literally shooting the princess Isabelle (Eleanor Tomlinson) skyward into the humongous hands of the giants. Determined to rescue her, Jack battles the giants, wins the respect of the king and the love of a princess.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Williams takes on iconic screen character that's oddly ... happy

Oz the Great and Powerful. Actress takes a departure from serious, dour films in her role as Glinda the Good Witch

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Michelle Williams as Glinda the Good Witch in Oz the Great and Powerful. CONTRIBUTED

In Oz the Great and Powerful, Michelle Williams takes on one of the most iconic screen characters in Hollywood history, Glinda the Good Witch, first seen in the Wizard of Oz. It's not her first time tackling an icon — or even an icon popular with drag queens.

Have you given any thought to the idea of drag queens taking on your role?
Yeah, baby! Yes, yes. Bring it on. I feel like they would put a naughty under the nice.

Have you ever seen a drag interpretation of one of your roles?
Marilyn probably doesn't count, but there's clearly a lot out there. While I was making the movie I saw this drag performance of Marilyn on YouTube and I had to shut it down within 10 seconds because I was like, "That motherf—er is better than me. That motherf—er! I will never match what he's able to do." He was recreating all of her famous numbers to a T. But ... I can't imagine Wendy from Wendy and Lucy is big on the drag circuit.

It's oddly refreshing to see you in a movie that's so...
Happy?

Your films over the last few years have leaned toward the serious and dour, yes. Was this a conscious effort to get something a bit lighter on your filmography?
I never think about it from an outside point of view, like, "Now it's time to do something light." But I did feel within my own soul, I felt like I'd had the marrow sucked out of me, especially with My Week With Marilyn, just because it was so difficult. The core of who she was was very affecting for me to live inside of, so I was feeling more open to doing something that didn't come at a personal cost. For me, I never feel like, "Oh, I have so many things to choose from and I just can't pick. There's just so many great options." It's kind of like desert, desert, desert, desert, oasis! So when that comes along, when I have that feeling from reading a script, whether it's big or small or light or dark, it's really more about if I see an outline of a character that I want to fill in.

I'd assume that you're getting sent all of the best stuff out there.
I haven't worked since I made this movie. I haven't worked in over a year. It was a conscious choice, I definitely wanted to take some time off. This was a long movie to make and I like my life and it takes a lot to take me away from my family. But that choice wasn't ... constantly tested, for better or worse.

Top of the chain

"The thing I was most interested in capturing was the comfort level that comes with the self-recognition that you're the very tip-top of the food chain. I don't know what that's like in real life ... So even when a six-foot-five, 240-pound monster of a man comes into the room, to you it's just like taking a breath."

Benjamin Bratt on playing Mexican cartel kingpin El Topo in Snitch (now in theatres) and looking calm in the face of an intimidating Dwayne Johnson
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Comedy

21 & Over

Stars. Miles Teller, Skylar Astin, Justin Chon

Directors. Jon Lucas, Scott Moore

The raucous directorial debut from The Hangover writers Jon Lucas and Scott Moore gives us one 21st birthday you'll wish you could forget. When former high school buddies Miller and Casey reunite to celebrate their friend Jeff Chang's big day, 24 hours of debauchery puts their friendships and futures to the test. Coming of age has never been so tedious in this lacklustre comedy that relies solely on vomit, male nudity and ethnic stereotypes for laughs. This unimaginative college try is about as juvenile as it gets.
MANORI RAVINDRAN/METRO

The last exorcism ... was just the beginning

Ashley Bell returns as Nell Sweetzer in The Last Exorcism Part II, which opens in theatres this weekend. The film picks up from 2010's surprise hit about demonic possession, as Nell tries to gather the pieces of her life and start fresh, only to be targeted by the same evil that possessed her the first time. METRO

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Scott Weiland ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Stone Temple Pilots singer reads of his firing

The rock band Stone Temple Pilots announced this week that they were firing singer Scott Weiland, and no one was more surprised by the news than Weiland himself.

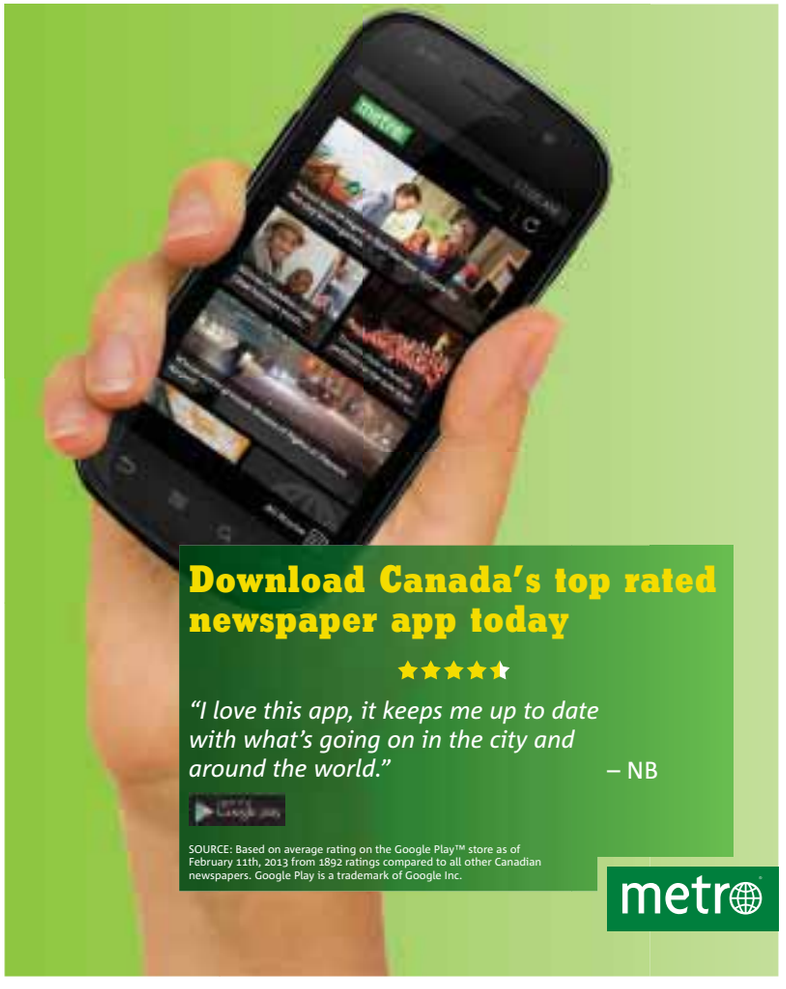
"I learned of my supposed 'termination' from Stone Temple Pilots this morning by reading about it in the press," Weiland says in a statement to E! News. "Not sure how I can be 'terminated' from a band that I founded, fronted and co-wrote many of its biggest hits, but that's something for the lawyers to figure out. In the meantime, I'm looking forward to seeing all of my fans on my solo tour, which starts this Friday."

Kristen Stewart

Stewart rejecting new advances from Sanders

Kristen Stewart has reportedly been dodging advances from her Snow White and the Huntsman director, Rupert Sanders, now that his marriage to Liberty Ross is toast following his and Stewart's cheating scandal last summer, according to Radar Online.

"Rupert's reached out to Kristen, but she doesn't want anything to do with him," a source says. "He texted her a number of times after Liberty filed for divorce, however Kristen didn't respond. In truth, she regrets ever getting involved with Rupert because of how much it hurt Robert (Pattinson) and the amount of public backlash she was subjected to."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British singer looked 'very pleased' leaving Swift's hotel

Taylor Swift may have found another young British singer to keep her company.

Swift was reportedly visited by Ed Sheeran at her hotel during a recent trip to London, according to E! News. The pair "stayed in the room, just the two of them, until around 4 a.m.," a source says, adding that Sheeran looked "very happy" leaving via a car Swift had used the day before. "He looked very pleased with himself," the source says. There may be some history there, though. Another source claims that Swift and Sheeran "briefly dated last spring. He thinks she is really cute and they have a great chemistry together." And they'll have plenty of time together coming up, as Sheeran is set to serve as opening act for Swift's tour starting this month through September.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Would Tina Fey consider hosting next year's Oscars? 'No way'

Don't get your hopes up for Tina Fey to host the Oscars next year, as the 30 Rock star says there's no way she'll take the job.

"I just feel like that gig is so hard," she tells the Huffington Post. "Especially for, like, a woman. The amount of months that would be spent trying on dresses alone — no way."

Fey earned rave reviews for her work co-hosting the Golden Globes in January with pal Amy Poehler, and after Seth MacFarlane's controversy-courting Oscars hosting performance Sunday many naturally looked to Fey as an improvement for next year, but she insists there's no chance. "I wish I could tell you there was," Fey says.

Twitter

@jason_mraz
For me, the days that begin bad always seem to conclude with magical evenings. Thanks weird day!

@ActuallyNPH
The Nat Enq is cray cray. We've never had a wedding date, just engaged (Prop 8 and all). We're on a cruise as I write. He's rad. All good.

@samantharonson
I have now taken every allergy medicine available in the US- still no relief- but if i die tonight, u know why.

@GarryShandling
Maybe the Pope is tired because he stands when he drives.

A colourful way to start Nutrition Month

Mediterranean Roasted Beef and Veggies. March is devoted to healthy eating so whip up this delicious meal

When shopping, try to purchase healthy items from the perimeter of the grocery store and supplement with staples from the inner aisles.

Here is an easy and flavourful recipe keeping in mind those principles.

This colourful, nutritious dinner cooks all at once in the oven, making for little preparation or cleanup. Serve it with cooked couscous, quinoa, rice or pasta.

Ingredients

- 6 cloves garlic, peeled
- 3 plum (Roma) tomatoes, cored and quartered
- 1 small Spanish onion, cut into 12 wedges
- 1 baby eggplant, cut into chunks
- 1 each red and yellow bell peppers, cut into chunks
- 250 g (8 oz) zucchini (about 2 small), cut crosswise into 1-cm (1/2-inch) slices
- 125 g (4 oz) mushrooms, quartered
- 60 ml (4 tbsp) basil pesto,
- 10 ml (2 tsp) olive oil
- 1.5 kg (3 lb) boneless beef sirloin tip
- Pinch each salt and pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) balsamic vinegar
- 5 ml (1 tsp) liquid honey

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

1. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil and spray lightly with cooking spray.

2. In a large bowl, combine garlic, tomatoes, onion, eggplant, red pepper, yellow pepper, zucchini, mushrooms and 45 ml (3 tbsp) of the pesto; toss to coat. Spread evenly on prepared baking sheet; set aside.

3. In an ovenproof sauté pan or skillet with a rack, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season beef with salt and pepper. Cook beef, turning with tongs, for about 10 minutes or until browned all over. Spread remaining pesto over roast. Place on rack in the same sauté pan.

4. Roast beef and vegetables in a 140 C (275 F) oven for about 1 1/2 hours or until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the roast registers 60 C (140 F) for medium-rare, or until desired doneness. Transfer roast to a cutting board, tent with foil and let stand for 10 to 15 minutes.

5. Using a rubber spatula, scrape vegetables into a large bowl. Add vinegar and honey; toss to coat.

6. Carve roast across grain into thin slices. Serve with vegetables.

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The skinny on wine

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Sorry beer and spirit fans, with its reputation as a heart healthy, food-friendly beverage, wine sits at the top of the booze chain in the debate over which tipple is "best for you."

When it comes to a wine's nutritional value, you've got to think about the alcohol. That's where the calories come from folks, so a higher level means more sit-ups.

My friends at WineFolly.com have become one of the go-to wine blogs with their witty commentary and knack for turning mind-bending vino info into cool graphics. Their latest post is a chart that breaks down a variety of wine styles and lays out the truth about how many calories are in each glass. Wine Folly also takes cartography to a new level with a series of detailed maps to your favourite grape growing countries. They've just added Spain. Check out their website over a glass of Bodegas Piqueras 2008 Castillo de Almansa Reserva ($11.95 - $14.99) from the Albacete region in Spain's southeast.

With its balanced, dark berry fruit and light, woody backbone, you just might forget that at 14 per cent alc./vol. you're drinking between 165-195 calories.

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SPORTS 4

St-Pierre hopes Diaz isn't pulled from UFC title fight

MMA. Canadian at ease with the media, but admits he'd rather spend time training or doing other things

Being trapped in the middle of a media scrum is not Georges St-Pierre's idea of a good time, but the mixed martial arts champion is always glad to do it.

Then again, it only ever seems to be an issue when his opponent is the apparently camera-shy Nick Diaz.

And that's who St-Pierre is set to face when he puts the welterweight championship on the line March 16 at UFC 158 at the Bell Centre.

Diaz reportedly came within a whisker of being pulled from the fight card when he recently failed to show up for three scheduled interviews. While he eventually did attend to his media obligations, it's anyone's guess as to what UFC boss Dana White will do if Diaz is a no-show again at events leading to the fight with St-Pierre.

"I hope they don't take him out because I've trained hard," St-Pierre said Tuesday amidst a thicket of cameras after a public workout at the Tristar gym. "He'll show up.

"It would be inconceivable that he doesn't. He can make some money that will maybe last the rest of his life."

Diaz has been in trouble for missing media events before.

St-Pierre was supposed to fight Diaz at UFC 137 in October 2011, but the Stockton, Calif., native was taken off the card when he skipped some pre-fight promotional events. St-Pierre eventually also pulled out with a knee injury.

St-Pierre is one of his sport's biggest stars and the Quebec native is always in demand for interviews and appearances.

"Seriously, I despise it," he said. "I like you guys (reporters), but I don't like doing this.

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Winning streak

- St-Pierre (23-2), the UFC welterweight champion, will be going for an 11th win in a row.
- He's seeking a second straight win since he ended a 19-month injury layoff with a victory by unanimous decision over Carlos Condit at the Bell Centre in November.

Senators lose hard-fought battle with tough-to-beat Bruins

Ottawa Senators goalie Robin Lehner makes a save as centre Peter Regin keeps Boston Bruins left-winger Daniel Paille away from the puck during the first period Thursday in Boston. The Bruins won 2-1 on a Patrice Bergeron overtime goal. CHARLES KRUPA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL. Milanovich named top coach to cap off season

Scott Milanovich of the Grey Cup-champion Toronto Argonauts is the CFL's coach of the year.

Milanovich received the award at a luncheon in Regina Thursday.

John Hufnagel of the Calgary Stampeders and Mike Benevides of the B.C. Lions were the other finalists.

Voting was conducted by the Football Reporters of Canada. Milanovich is the second Argo to capture the award in three years. Current GM Jim Barker claimed the 2010 honour.

Argos coach Scott Milanovich
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto finished second in the East Division with a 9-9 record under its rookie head coach. Following playoff wins over Edmonton and Montreal, the Argos capped their season by downing Calgary 35-22 in the 100th Grey Cup game at Rogers Centre. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

McGrattan traded to Flames

The Nashville Predators have traded forward Brian McGrattan to the Calgary Flames for defenceman Joe Piskula.

The Predators announced the trade Thursday after putting McGrattan on waivers Tuesday.

McGrattan, who agreed to a one-year deal with the Predators last July, had not appeared in a game this season and recently finished a two-week conditioning assignment in the AHL.

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NHL. Former stars wish Howe happy 85th birthday

Gordie Howe wasn't around, but he still brought out the kid again in Bobby Hull.

The Golden Jet was among former NHL stars who came out to fete Howe at a Thursday news conference in advance of his 85th birthday celebration at Friday night's WHL game between the Vancouver Giants and the Lethbridge Hurricanes.

Howe missed the session because his flight was delayed, but his absence did not stop Hull, his brother Dennis, Marcel Dionne and Pat Quinn from reminiscing about the hockey great.

Quoted

"Why would anyone that's a hockey player not want to come to Gordie Howe's 85th birthday? ... I'm honoured to be here."

Dennis Hull

The Hulls, Dionne, Quinn and former Toronto Maple Leafs goalie Johnny Bower will be on hand for the birthday bash at the Pacific Coliseum.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
You are going through rather an intense phase at the moment and it's putting a strain on your body, mind and emotions. Take a break. What you are searching for will be found the moment you stop looking for it.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't hesitate today or you may lose momentum and give your rivals a chance to catch up. All's fair in love, war and business and if you make sure you are first, the rewards are sure to follow.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Listen to your instincts and act on what they tell you. If you have one brilliant idea today you will probably have a dozen or more, so you need to be selective. What is the most realistic option? Go for it.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Cut through all the confusion and get to the root of a problem that has been causing you a lot of sleepless nights. All you have to do is stick to the facts and avoid making value judgments. Sounds easy, doesn't it?

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
How often have you been told not to act in haste? Too many, no doubt, but today you are invited to act as quickly as you like. In fact, the quicker the better. You simply can't put a foot wrong now.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be practical by nature but you have flashes of inspiration like everyone else and you should listen to what your inner voice tells you today. One good idea, in particular, could be a money spinner.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Important things will only get done today if you step up to the plate and take charge. Inevitably, some people will complain but you don't have time to argue: they either do as they are told or get left behind.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do you get the feeling that someone is trying to annoy you for the fun of it? Whether or not it is true, you are advised not to lose your temper with them. Really, it's just not worth the hassle.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Try to arrange things so that you don't do any real work at all. Put yourself forward as team leader. Take a supervising role. While others are working their fingers to the bone, you'll be getting the praise!

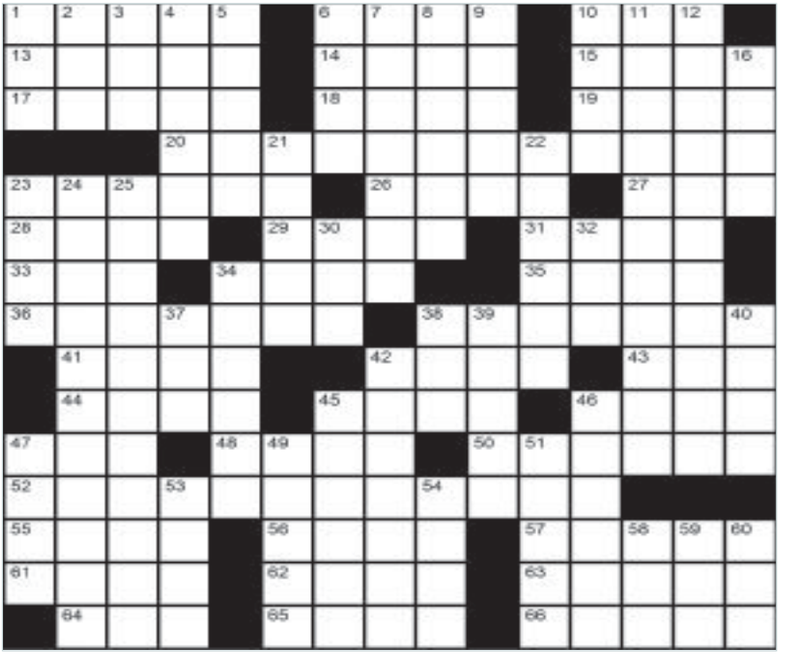
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If someone offers you an apology today, you must accept it. No matter what it is that caused your falling out, it's obvious that they don't hold a grudge. So, there is no reason why you should either.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You will be in inspired form today. You will come up with ideas that others simply don't have the insight or intelligence to think of. But remember that good ideas are like manure — they work best when spread around.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It may seem as if someone has let you down or, worse, betrayed a secret about you, but don't get on your high horse just yet. It could be there's another side to this story. Stay calm and find out what it is. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Zeppelin's "Whole __ Love"
6. Speed of sound, __ 1
10. "Eeew."
13. Christina Aguilera's "_ __ to You"
14. Tooth complaint
15. Mr. LaBeouf
17. Commenced
18. Helen of __
19. Criminal escapes
20. Bit of Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah": "Love is not a __ __ / It's a cold and it's a broken..."
23. Legendary lady of Coventry
26. Mr. Bridges, Jeff's actor brother
27. Assemble the bricks
28. Car rental company
29. Mardi __
31. Come across as
33. Guitar master Mr. Paul
34. Plane reservation
35. Short-term worker, shortly
36. "Happy Days" diner
38. Spice Girls smash
41. Cowardly Lion's alter ego in Kansas
42. Extinct bird
43. Not specialized [abbr.]
44. Looked
45. __ fide
46. Exclusively
47. __ the Record Man
48. Compass/ruler set, for short
50. Ms. Anderson
52. Shakespeare's place-for-plays: 2 wds.
55. 'Slithy' Lewis Carroll creature
56. Prefix with 'are' (Land measure)
57. Shrek, and others
61. Je __, Tu es, Il est...
62. "__ __ my wit's end!"
63. Molten rock
64. __ builder (Stage gig)
65. Particle physics lab near Geneva
66. Actor, Sean __

Down
1. Ad-__ (Off-the-cuff)
2. 'Rem' ender (TV clicker)
3. __-of-war
4. Country singer Randy
5. Couple's yrly. celebration
6. Toronto jazz singer Mr. Dusk
7. Circus performer
8. Tasks
9. OutKast hit!: 2 wds.
10. Filmdom's Ms. Fisher
11. Celine Dion's birthplace in Quebec
12. 19th Prime Minister, in 1993: 2 wds.
16. Like fireplace residue
21. Like pet store birds
22. "I __ __ longer..." (Habit-quitter's pledge)
23. Grand event
24. Fanatical
25. 1955's "Lady and the Tramp", for one: 2 wds.
30. Univ. dorm supervisors
32. 'Eight' ender
34. "We Are Family" by Sister __
37. 'Rev' add-on (Take back)
38. Came through
39. Conform
40. "Orinoco Flow (Sail Away)" singer
42. Glassed-enclosed VIA Rail spot: 2 wds.
45. Puccini opera, La __
46. Beginnings, Alphas ...Conclusions, __
47. Li'l drill instructors
49. Moral principle
51. Fragrance
53. Most proficient
54. Office memo abbr.
58. Mil. unit
59. Poet Ms. Dickinson, to pals
60. __ Francisco

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

9				7		3	6	8
					6			7
		2		1	8	5		
8				5	1	4		
		7	4	2				3
		5	1	9		6		
4			2					
3	7	1		8				5

Yesterday's Sudoku

1	4	7	3	9	6	5	8	2
8	9	5	1	2	7	3	6	4
2	3	6	8	5	4	1	7	9
5	6	3	4	8	2	7	9	1
4	2	9	5	7	1	6	3	8
7	8	1	6	3	9	4	2	5
3	1	4	2	6	8	9	5	7
6	7	2	9	4	5	8	1	3
9	5	8	7	1	3	2	4	6

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